

## **II. REMARKS**

### **A. Status of the Claims**

Claims 26-35, 37-40, 42-44, 48-50, and 61-74 were pending in the case at the time of the Decision on Appeal dated September 20, 2006. Claims 1-25, 36, 41, 45-47, and 51-60 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 34 and 64 are newly canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. By canceling these claims, Applicants do not concede that any of the canceled claims are unpatentable. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any or all of these claims in a continuation or divisional application. No new claims have been added, and no claims have been amended. Therefore, claims 26-33, 35, 37-40, 42-44, 48-50, and 61-63, and 65-74 are currently under consideration.

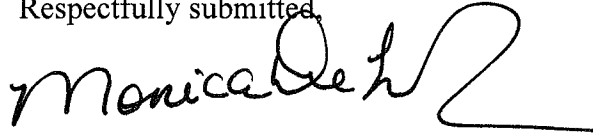
### **B. The Pending Claims Are In Condition for Allowance**

According to the Decision on Appeal dated September 20, 2006, the enablement rejection of claims 26-35, 37-40, 42-44, 48-50, and 61-74 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, have been reversed, and the written description rejection of claims 26-35, 37, 42-44, 48-50, 61-65, 67, and 71-73 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, have been vacated. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has entered a new ground of rejection against claim 34 and claim 64 under 37 C.F.R. §41.50(b) and 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing new matter. However, as discussed above, claims 34 and 64 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, this new ground for rejection is moot and each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 512-536-5639 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application. Should the

Examiner believe the claims are not in condition for allowance, Applicants request a telephonic interview with the Examiner to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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